

**Alabama Course of Study  
Huntingdon College  
Summer 2010 - July 16-17; August 13-14  
Assignment and Course Requirements**

**Course:** COS 311 – New Testament I  
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**REQUIRED TEXTS**

1. A Bible (Bring to class every day.)  
The New Revised Standard Version is recommended and is the one the instructor will use. You may use a different version if you prefer.
2. Holladay, Carl, A Critical Introduction to the New Testament, Abingdon Press, 2005, ISBN: 0-687 -08569-1

**RECOMMENDED** (for your personal study)

Fee, Gordon, New Testament Exegesis: A Handbook for Students and Pastors ISBN: 0-664-22316-8

**REQUIRED READING**

1. Holladay, chapters 8, 10-11, 13-15
2. The handouts given out in class.

**REQUIRED WRITTEN WORK**

1. A pre-course paper
2. A mid-course paper
3. A test

**THE PRE-COURSE PAPER**

A friend of mine recently remarked, "I believe the New Testament begins with the Letters of Paul. I consider the Gospels to be a part of the Old Testament. Paul is the one who brought the gospel to us [Christians]. Jesus was sent to the Jews."

Along that same line, Paul is sometimes called "the second founder of Christianity," having changed "the religion of Jesus to a religion about Jesus."

Evaluate these statements according to the following outline.

1. Regardless of your personal beliefs, give a positive spin to the two statements above, and tell why some persons might come to these conclusions.
2. Again disregarding your personal beliefs, explain why most Christians see Jesus as an indispensable part of the New Testament, and therefore regard the Gospels as an essential part of the New Testament.

3. Express and explain your personal beliefs about these statements, indicating whether or to what extent - you agree that Paul changed Christianity.

*Your paper should be at least four pages long, but no longer than six. It should be written in complete sentences, containing correct grammar and correct spelling, and should be turned in on time. Late papers will be graded down.*

### **THE MID-COURSE ASSIGNMENT**

A mid-course paper will be assigned during the first weekend of the course and will be due on Friday of the second weekend of the course. Late papers will be graded down.

### **THE TEST**

A test will be given the Saturday of the second weekend of the course. The questions may come from the Bible, from the textbook, from the handouts given out in class, and from the material covered in class. While you are taking the test, you may consult the Bible, the textbook, the handouts, and the notes you took in class.

### **GRADING SYSTEM**

The Pre-Course Paper - 40%

The Mid-Course Paper - 20%

The Test - 40%